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SUBJECT: SOVIET CBM NOTIFICATION

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THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING
ASSESSMENT OF THE MANEUVER NOTIFIED BY THE
SOVIETS ON MARCH 9 (REFTEL).

BEGIN TEXT:

AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE SOVIET NOTIFICATION
OF MARCH 9 IS ITS STATED PURPOSE "TO ASSESS PROFICIENCY".
A DESCRIPTION OF THIS NATURE SEEMS PARTICULARLY VAGUE
WHEN COUPLED WITH THE ABSENCE OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE NATURE OF THE UNITS THEMSELVES. THERE IS THUS NO CLUE
WHATEVER, AS TO THE NATURE OF THE MANOEUVRE. ON THE OTHER
HAND, THE PHRASE "ASSESSMENT OF PROFICIENCY" SUGGESTS THAT
THE MANOEUVRE IS NOT TRAINING PER SE BUT IS INSTEAD AN
INSPECTION OF FULLY TRAINED TROOPS AND AN APPRAISAL OF
THEIR PROFICIENCY IN ASSIGNED COMBAT ROLES.

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OUR OTHER OBSERVATIONS ARE LARGEY SELF-EVIDENT.
ONCE AGAIN THE SOVIETS HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE MINIMUM
TERMS OF THE FINAL ACT. THE AREA IS REASONABLY PRECISE,
THE TIME IS 21 DAYS, "ABOUT 25,000" TROOPS ARE AGAIN
STATED TO BE INVOLVED, AND AGAIN THE SOVIETS HAVE DEMONSTRATED
MILITARY CONTROL IN THE MANNER OF CONVEYING NOTICE.
WE DO NOT THINK THE ABSENCE OF A CODE NAME IS OF ANY
PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

WE WILL FOLLOW WITH INTEREST THE QUESTION OF

INVITING OBSERVERS, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT WISH TO PRESS
THE USSR TO EXTEND AN INVITATION. INDEED, THERE MIGHT
BE SOME MERIT IN HAVING THESE TWO CBMS DECOUPLED IN THE
INTERESTS OF ENCOURAGING MORE NOTIFICATIONS.

END TEXT.

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